## **WHITE CANYON\*** Forest Boundary to Glen Canyon National Recreation Area Outstandingly Remarkable Level of Tentative Length Values - ORVs in Miles Significance Classification Scenic **National** 30 Scenic Recreation National

## Description of Outstandingly Remarkable Values (ORVs):

• Scenic – VRM Class I with Class A scenic quality. The canyon has narrow, winding sandstone walls 100-200 ft. high, and is a destination for hiking, camping and backpacking. The canyon bottom provides scenery of dramatic rugged terrain, deep sheer walled canyons, and ancient Puebloan cultural sites, which are well preserved due to their remote location. A section of White Canyon passes through Natural Bridges National Monument, designated a national monument for among other values its scenic quality.

The "Black Hole" is a rare and unique canyon feature consisting of 800-1000 ft. deeply incised walls, in spots only three feet wide. The twisted, winding, deep, narrow, colorful sandstone walls carved by long sections of deep moving water, create a unique canyon section providing outstanding opportunity for canyoneering.

• **Recreation** — White Canyon is limited to foot traffic only. There are several locations where orienteering and canyoneering skills are required to gain entry from the canyon rim. Outdoor recreation, photography, natural history, canyoneering, and archeological sites are features contributing to the lure of White Canyon, as well as canyon bottom hiking trails within Natural Bridges National Monument.

The "Black Hole" attracts recreational visitors from all over the world. It has a national reputation for challenging any canyoneer. This deep, narrow slot section White Canyon, requires some sort of flotation device to gain access through the deep, water filled potholes. Due to the narrowness of the canyon, it is not uncommon to find debris anchored 30 ft. above the canyon floor after seasonal flash floods.

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<sup>\*</sup> White Canyon passes through Natural Bridges National Monument, and is within Scenic Highway Corridor ACEC